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## BENNY KAUFF DESCRIBES HOW HE WAS PULLED FROM FEDS

**Says He Made the Outlaw Fielders Look Bad and Would Make Cobb Appear Like a Bush Leaguer.**

NEW YORK, May 4.—Benny Kauff, the Federal League outfielder whose leap from the so-called outlaws to the Giants set the National League topsy turvy a few days ago, said last night that if things are not straightened out by tonight he will tell a story that will wreck the National and Federal leagues as far as this city is concerned, and modestly tells how great a base ball player he is by declaring that he was the "makings of the Federal League" and would make Ty Cobb look like a Giant uniform.

He says his respects to President Hemphstead of the New York club by describing him as a "grasshopper who should go back to the clothing business and let base ball alone." Here are some of the things Kauff averred.

### Tired of Seeing Name in Papers.

"I am just tired of seeing my name in the papers. What I want to do is to play ball—that's my middle name. I've never yet played as well as I am capable of—and if I ever get out there in a Giant uniform the fans will see a player in action that will make Ty Cobb look like a bush leaguer."

"I signed an ironclad contract with the Giants. They are obliged to pay me a certain salary up to 1918, and then they have an option on my services for 1918 that calls for just as much salary as I have been getting. According to this contract they can't trade, sell or release me. I saw that clause 7, 10 and the rest of the contract. I guess that is bad, eh?"

"I had a three-year contract with the Indianapolis Reds, but when that club became bankrupt my contract was dead, too. When I signed the Browns, I was told that the Browns would release me if I'd play that I got \$10,000 a season for three years."

"Will you sign for that?" asked Business Manager Dick Carroll, an all-around good fellow.

### Signs for \$6,000 a Year.

"I then drew up a contract calling for \$6,000 a year and Carroll and Manager Lee Magee signed as witnesses. They told me that when we arrived home President Ward would see K. O. K. it."

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## MEANY ROLLS SET OF 340 IN SINGLES

**Leads in Play of Last Night in Class A of City Tourney.**

**THREE TWO-MAN TEAMS OBTAIN COUNTS OF 618**

**Rodrick Proves Best Bowler of Night, With Total of 349.**

scored last night in the play in the class A singles in the city duckpin tourney. Meany knocked down 340 pins, leading the next highest man by nine pins. 106 pins were toppled in the first contest and 137 in the second, but the mark made in the third was below either of the first two—97.

No high sets were registered by the class A five-man teams. The Nationals had a mark of 1,513, which was the best of the night. The Commercial and Giants each scored a few pins more than 1,500, while the Bankers fell below that mark. The Argyles led in class B with 1,458.

It was rather a coincidence that three marks of 618 were scored in the doubles. Rodrick and Rodrick, Whitford and Whitford, and McCormack and McCormack, each scored a 618 in the doubles.

Rodrick did the best work of the individuals, having a set of 349. Rodrick's count was really the highest made by an individual during the evening's play, exceeding Meany's mark in the singles by nine pins.

The results of last night's play:

### NATIONALS (Average)..... 1,513

Brantley..... 103 98 36 271  
Adams..... 92 88 31 211  
Gillis..... 111 85 114 310  
Black..... 96 107 101 304  
Miller..... 98 101 99 298

Grand totals..... 518 486 310 1,513

### Commercial..... 1,500

Wernan..... 111 116 86 313  
Jerman..... 92 98 107 297  
Adams..... 92 88 31 211  
James..... 117 94 96 310  
Miller..... 98 101 99 298

Grand totals..... 502 504 302 1,508

### Giants..... 1,500

Carl..... 94 101 84 259  
Evers..... 96 113 99 308  
Lew..... 111 107 82 300  
Everett..... 98 108 107 313  
Michael..... 100 99 93 292

Grand totals..... 472 533 300 1,505

### Bankers..... 1,488

Mallory..... 100 110 108 318  
Patterson..... 88 102 98 288  
Selling..... 96 95 80 271  
Dwyer..... 96 95 80 271  
Bozner..... 97 90 106 293

Grand totals..... 481 497 490 1,468

### Argyles..... 1,458

Post..... 114 101 94 309  
Harris..... 95 84 82 261  
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Popkin..... 99 104 107 310  
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Grand totals..... 485 495 497 1,477

### Imperial..... 1,458

Brooks..... 95 85 81 261  
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Grand totals..... 450 468 470 1,388

### DOUBLES-CLASS A

Rodrick..... 349 101 78 269  
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Grand totals..... 220 215 183 618

### Commercial..... 618

Whitford..... 110 102 96 308  
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Grand totals..... 235 232 201 668

### McCormack..... 618

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Grand totals..... 204 212 202 618

### Rodrick..... 349

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Joliffe..... 102 129 93 324

Grand totals..... 186 135 284 605

### Mean..... 1,458

J. Eker..... 103 104 98 305  
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## NO CONTRACT JUMPERS MAY RETURN TO ORGANIZED BALL

**Ban Johnson Makes Emphatic Declaration. Consents to Have Suits Taken Out of Courts—Other Gossip.**

BY J. ED GRIFFO.

BOSTON, May 4.—President Ban Johnson arrived in Boston late yesterday afternoon. He will visit New York and Philadelphia after a short stay here. The head of the American League made it plain that no man who has jumped a contract or reservation to the organized ball can ever return to the organized ball. The American League club has the only right to Benny Kauff, according to Johnson. He has no chance of returning to organized ball for many years, if ever. New York had no right to him, and he cannot play in the National League. The American League has never had a contract jumper, and wants none, the league head said.

"We know every man in the big leagues who is loyal to his employers, and we will know those who have jumped a contract and return to the organized ball," said Mr. Johnson. "And I know that he will when his Red Sox get under way."

"There is a small army of ball players trying to get back into organized ball. They are using the influence of their friends to get back. But we will not stand for it."

"The Federal League is releasing the ball players who have jumped a contract. They are trying to find places in organized ball. There is nothing doing. They made their own beds, and they can lie in them."

"The Federal League is calling a halt. Mr. Ball of St. Louis and other Federal League men have been to me and tried to have the base ball cases taken out of the courts. I have refused. I am willing to take the cases out of the courts, for I believe base ball should never have been taken into the courts. The Chicago Committee's White Sox are doing a fine business, while the Federal League of that city are doing nothing."

President Johnson said that in the west it had been figured that the Sox would make a money race of it this season. He added that he believed the Red Sox would win the pennant. "But they must get going pretty soon," he said.

This bleak New England town was never intended for spring baseball. The only way it can possibly be handled to advantage is to take its teams on a trip at the opening of the season. The Sox are on a month or more before ever treading on home soil.

The Sox's experience this spring has been the worst of all. Not since last Thursday have the players been in the city. The Sox have been there has been so much lack of activity that the fact that the season is on is almost forgotten by local fans.

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## TEST FOR WESTERN

**Defeat of Central Would Give It Excellent Chance for High School Title.**

BY H. C. BYRD.

Western High will be seen in the scholastic series today for the first time. The Red and White is the only one of the teams engaged in the championship battles that has not figured in a contest and the result of the match with Central, which defeated Tech, will be watched with much interest by the followers of school base ball.

If Western's pitchers accomplish anything it will give Central more of a battle than the latter is looking for. Western has a stronger nine than it has generally been given credit for and it is apt to make some trouble for the others than is expected. The players are exceptionally fast on the bases and will make opposing catchers do their best work to stop them from doing about as they please, once first base is reached.

If Western wins from Central it will stand an excellent chance for the championship. On the other hand, Central will be as good as have the title in its grasp if it is the victor. Provided Central takes the long end of the score the only real stumbling block it is likely to encounter will be the Eastern, because the Eastern aggregation is not in very good shape.

The contest is to be played at American League Park and will begin at 3:30 o'clock.

Georgetown and Catholic University are scheduled to play games tomorrow, the former being booked for a contest with Mount St. Joseph at Baltimore and the latter for one at home with Washington and Lee. Neither team is likely to get an easy victory. Georgetown has a stronger team than Mount St. Joseph's, but playing at home will be a disadvantage. Washington and Lee has not been as successful in the past few years, but it has shown strength enough to give any team in its class a hard fight.

That Catholic University is going to make a great effort to build its football team next fall is certain from the fact that it has decided to hold a spring practice. The work now probably will be more to give the coach a line on the material he will have to work with next fall. The team is good it will do the players. The man in charge of football at C. U. now is extremely busy with his other duties and there will be no real left unattended by him in the efforts to give the Brooklands a real lesson.

Central Presbyterian defeated Brightwood in the Northwest Sunday School League opening yesterday by 9 to 3. Waltz, who pitched for Central, led Brightwood with eight hits. In the contest was something of a pitcher's ball, Brightwood getting but one safety. Waltz and Foster, who are both good pitchers, were in the contest, but they were not in the line of play.

Another league in which the opening was observed by having a prominent man on hand to toss out the first ball was the Potomac circuit. The opening of the Potomac circuit was marked by a splendid game for the first time in the history of the league. The game was a real test of the players' skill and was a real test of the players' skill.

One of the best games of an opening in the Departmental League was played yesterday when War went down before the Potomac circuit. Both teams played much better ball than was looked for, and the exhibition was excellent. The game was a real test of the players' skill and was a real test of the players' skill.

Two players in the game batted well. Mortimer, who held down third base for Treasury, did a splendid job. Both teams played much better ball than was looked for, and the exhibition was excellent. The game was a real test of the players' skill and was a real test of the players' skill.

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